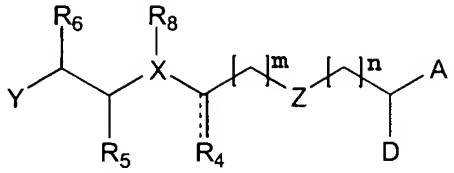
WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A compound of the formula:



or the pharmaceutically acceptable non-toxic salts thereof wherein:

Z is a 5 or 6 membered aryl or heteroaryl ring optionally substituted with up to three groups selected from lower alkyl, halogen or lower alkoxy;

n and m independently represent 0, 1 or 2;

A is CO_2R_9; or

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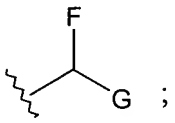

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D, F and G are the same or different and represent hydrogen, NR_1R_{12}, OR_1, CH_2R_1 or SR_1;

R_1 and R_{12} are the same or different and represent hydrogen, lower alkyl, $R_{10}C=O$, $R_{10}SO_2$, or

cycloalkyl optionally substituted with one, two, three or four groups independently selected from halogen, trifluoromethyl, trifluoromethoxy, cyano, nitro, carboxyl, alkoxycarboxy, alkylcarboxy, hydroxy, lower alkyl, lower alkoxy, amino, or mono or dialkylamino where each alkyl portion is lower alkyl, or

aryl, heteroaryl, arylalkyl, or heteroarylalkyl, where the ring portion of each is optionally substituted with one, two, three or four groups independently selected from halogen, trifluoromethyl, trifluoromethoxy, cyano, nitro, carboxyl, alkoxycarboxy, alkylcarboxy, hydroxy, lower alkyl, lower alkoxy, amino, or mono or dialkylamino where each alkyl portion is lower alkyl;

R_{10} is hydrogen or lower alkyl, or aryl, heteroaryl, arylalkyl or heteroarylalkyl, where the ring portion of each is optionally substituted with one, two or three groups independently selected from halogen, trifluoromethyl, trifluoromethoxy, cyano, nitro, carboxyl, alkoxycarboxy, alkylcarboxy, hydroxy, lower alkyl, lower alkoxy, amino, or mono or dialkylamino where each alkyl portion is lower alkyl;

R_9 is H or lower alkyl;

X is N, O, CH_2, S, SO or SO_2;

R_4 is O, hydrogen, hydroxy, lower alkyl, lower alkoxy, cycloalkyl, $R_{10}C{=}O$ or $R_{10}SO_2$;

Y is hydrogen, NR_1R_{12}, OR_1, CH_2R_1, SR_1, SOR_1 or SO_2R_1; and

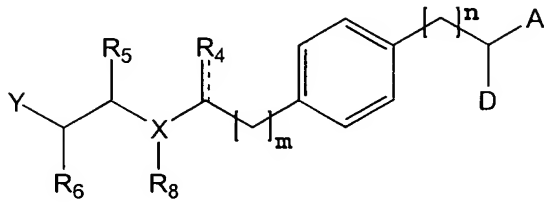
R_5, R_6 and R_8, are the same or different and represent hydrogen, lower alkyl, $R_{10}C{=}O$, $R_{10}SO_2$, or

cycloalkyl optionally substituted with one, two, three or four groups independently selected from halogen, trifluoromethyl, trifluoromethoxy, cyano, nitro, carboxyl, alkoxycarboxy, alkylcarboxy, hydroxy, lower alkyl, lower alkoxy, amino, or mono or dialkylamino where each alkyl portion is lower alkyl, or

aryl, heteroaryl, arylalkyl, or heteroarylalkyl, where the ring portion of each is optionally substituted with one, two, three or four groups independently selected from halogen, trifluoromethyl, trifluoromethoxy, cyano, nitro, carboxyl, alkoxycarboxy, alkylcarboxy, hydroxy, lower alkyl, lower alkoxy, amino, or mono or dialkylamino where each alkyl portion is lower alkyl; or

R_5 and R_6 together with the carbon atom to which they are attached form a 5, 6, or 7 membered carbocyclic ring up to two of which members are optionally hetero atoms selected from oxygen, sulfur and nitrogen.

2. A compound of the formula:



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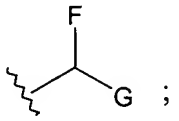

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cycloalkyl optionally substituted with one, two, three or four groups independently selected from halogen, trifluoromethyl, trifluoromethoxy, cyano, nitro, carboxyl, alkoxycarboxy, alkylcarboxy, hydroxy, lower alkyl, lower alkoxy, amino, or mono or dialkylamino where each alkyl portion is lower alkyl, or

aryl, heteroaryl, arylalkyl, or heteroarylalkyl, where the ring portion of each is optionally substituted with one, two, three or four groups independently selected from halogen, trifluoromethyl, trifluoromethoxy, cyano, nitro, carboxyl, alkoxycarboxy, alkylcarboxy, hydroxy, lower alkyl, lower alkoxy, amino, or mono or dialkylamino where each alkyl portion is lower alkyl;

R_{10} is hydrogen or lower alkyl, or aryl, heteroaryl, arylalkyl or heteroarylalkyl, where the ring portion of each is optionally substituted with one, two or three groups independently selected from halogen, trifluoromethyl, trifluoromethoxy, cyano, nitro, carboxyl, alkoxycarboxy, alkylcarboxy, hydroxy, lower alkyl, lower alkoxy, amino, or mono or dialkylamino where each alkyl portion is lower alkyl;

R_9 is H or lower alkyl;

X is N, O, CH_2, S, SO or SO_2;

R_4 is O, hydrogen, hydroxy, lower alkyl, lower alkoxy, cycloalkyl, $R_{10}C=O$ or $R_{10}SO_2$;

Y is hydrogen, NR_1R_{12}, OR_1, CH_2R_1, SR_1, SOR_1 or SO_2R_1; and

R_5, R_6 and R_8, are the same or different and represent hydrogen, lower alkyl, $R_{10}C=O$, $R_{10}SO_2$, or

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R_5 and R_6 together with the carbon atom to which they are attached form a 5, 6, or 7 membered carbocyclic ring up to two of which members are optionally hetero atoms selected from oxygen, sulfur and nitrogen.

3. A compound according to Claim 1 which is

(2S)-2-[benzylamino]-3-{4-[N-(3-phenylpropyl)carbamoyl]phenyl} propanoic acid;

(2S)-3-{4-[N-methyl-N(2-phenylthiocyclopentyl)carbamoyl]phenyl}-2-[benzylamino]propanoic acid;

(2S)-2-{[(4-methoxyphenyl)methyl]amino}-3-{4-[N-(3-phenylpropyl) carbamoyl]phenyl}propanoic acid;

(2S)-3-{4-[N-methyl-N-(2-phenylthiocyclopentyl)carbamoyl]phenyl}-2-({[4-(trifluoromethoxy)phenyl]methyl}amino)propanoic acid;

(2S)-2-{[(4-fluorophenyl)methyl]amino}-3-{4-[N-methyl-N-(2-phenylthiocyclopentyl)carbamoyl]phenyl}propanoic acid;

(2S)-3-{4-[N-methyl-N-(2-phenoxycyclopentyl)carbamoyl]phenyl}-2-[benzylamino]propanoic acid;

(2S)-3-{4-[N-methyl-N-(2-phenylthiocyclohexyl)carbamoyl]phenyl}-2-({[4-(trifluoromethoxy)phenyl]methyl}amino)propanoic acid; and

(2S)-2-{[(4-fluorophenyl)methyl]amino}-3-{4-[N-methyl-N-(2-phenylthiocyclohexyl)carbamoyl]phenyl}propanoic acid.

4. A pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound according to Claim 1 and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

5. A method of treating Type II diabetes in a mammal comprising administering to said mammal a compound according to Claim 1.